WHEN YOU'RE MOVING WOODEN BEAMS AROUND, IT'S BETTER TO GRAB THEM MORE TOWARDS THE BACK END THAN RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE.

THIS GOES BEYOND SIMPLY
ONE'S DUTY OR GOOD DEEDS.

HE WAS COMPLETELY ENGROSSED
IN SCRUBBING THE BATHROOM,
AS IF IT WERE A SACRED RITUAL.

FRIDAY
FORBIDDEN TALES
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039. KARMA (1)

"HEY... YOU'RE NOT A BAD PERSON..."

"YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME.
YOU WERE JUST UNLUCKY.

YOU WERE JUST DIFFERENT
FROM OTHER PEOPLE..."

"AS PROOF"

IT'S EASY TO FIX IF
IT STARTS TILTING FORWARD,
BUT IT'S DANGEROUS
IF IT GOES BACKWARDS.

HE'S ALWAYS POLITE TO ME,
IN SPITE OF BEING MY SUPERIOR IN AGE AND RANK.

AND HE ALWAYS HELPS NEW GUYS LIKE ME
WHENEVER WE'RE IN TROUBLE.

GOOD. I KNEW HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO REFUSE.

ONE GUY AMONG THEM WHOM
I ESPECIALLY TRUST THE MOST

CLASP-

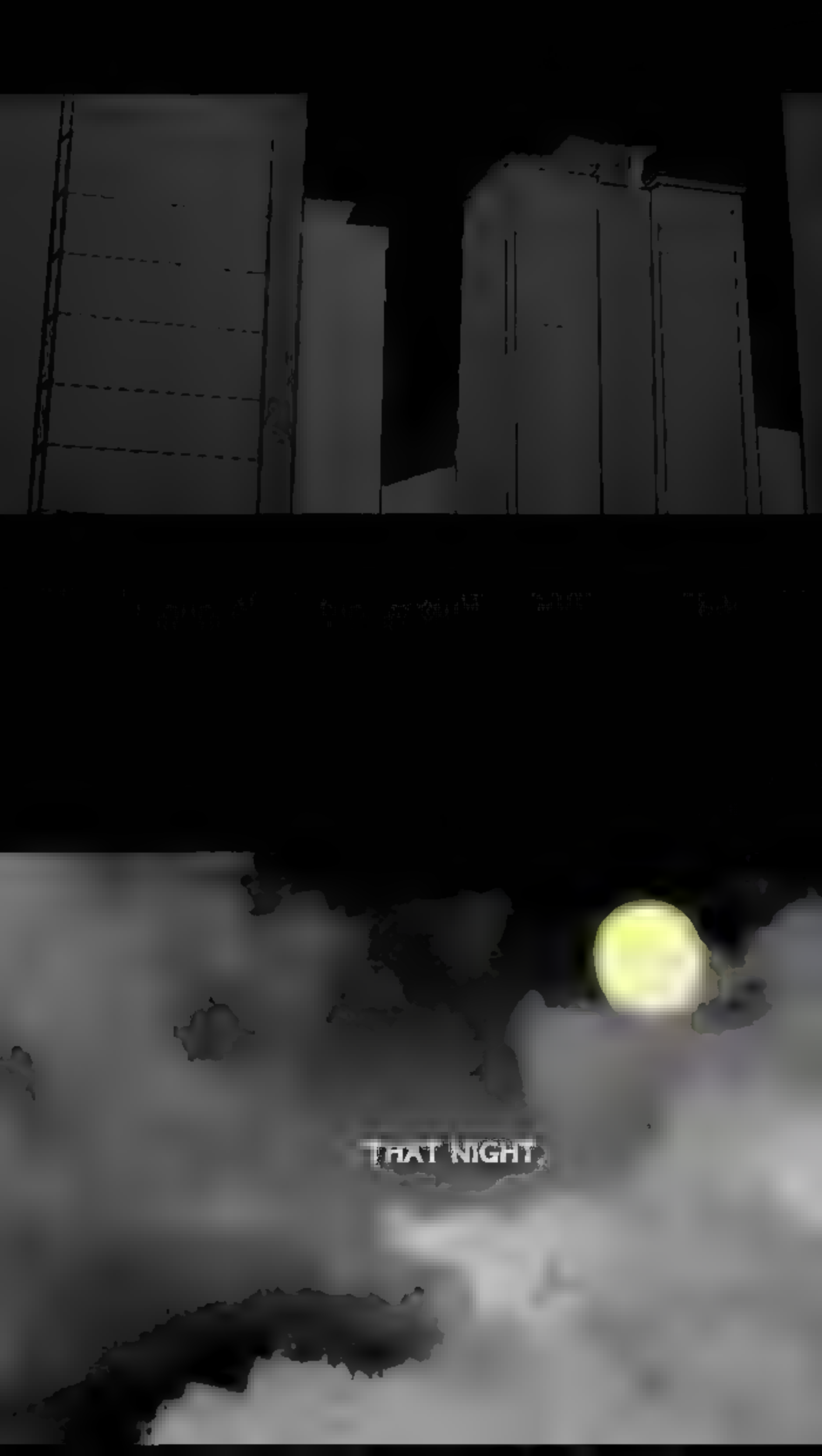
COULD THIS BE...

HIS WAY OF ATONING FOR SOMETHING HE HAS DONE?

NEED ANYTHING ELSE?
NO, I'VE GOT EVERYTHING.
UM... MR. KIM!

WE HAVEN'T BEEN TO TOWN IN A WHILE, SO WHY DON'T WE GET SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT BEFORE WE GO BACK?
AH...

AND THAT'S NOT ALL.


THAT NIGHT

HEY, KID!
HAVE ANOTHER DRINK!
WHY'S A YOUNG GUY
LIKE YOU SUCH A WUSS!?

WHY IS HE OUT HERE SECRETLY
CLEANING WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IS ASLEEP?

I MEAN, WHY IS HE SO DESPERATE
TO ALWAYS HELP EVERYONE?

IS HE JUST A NATURALLY KIND PERSON?

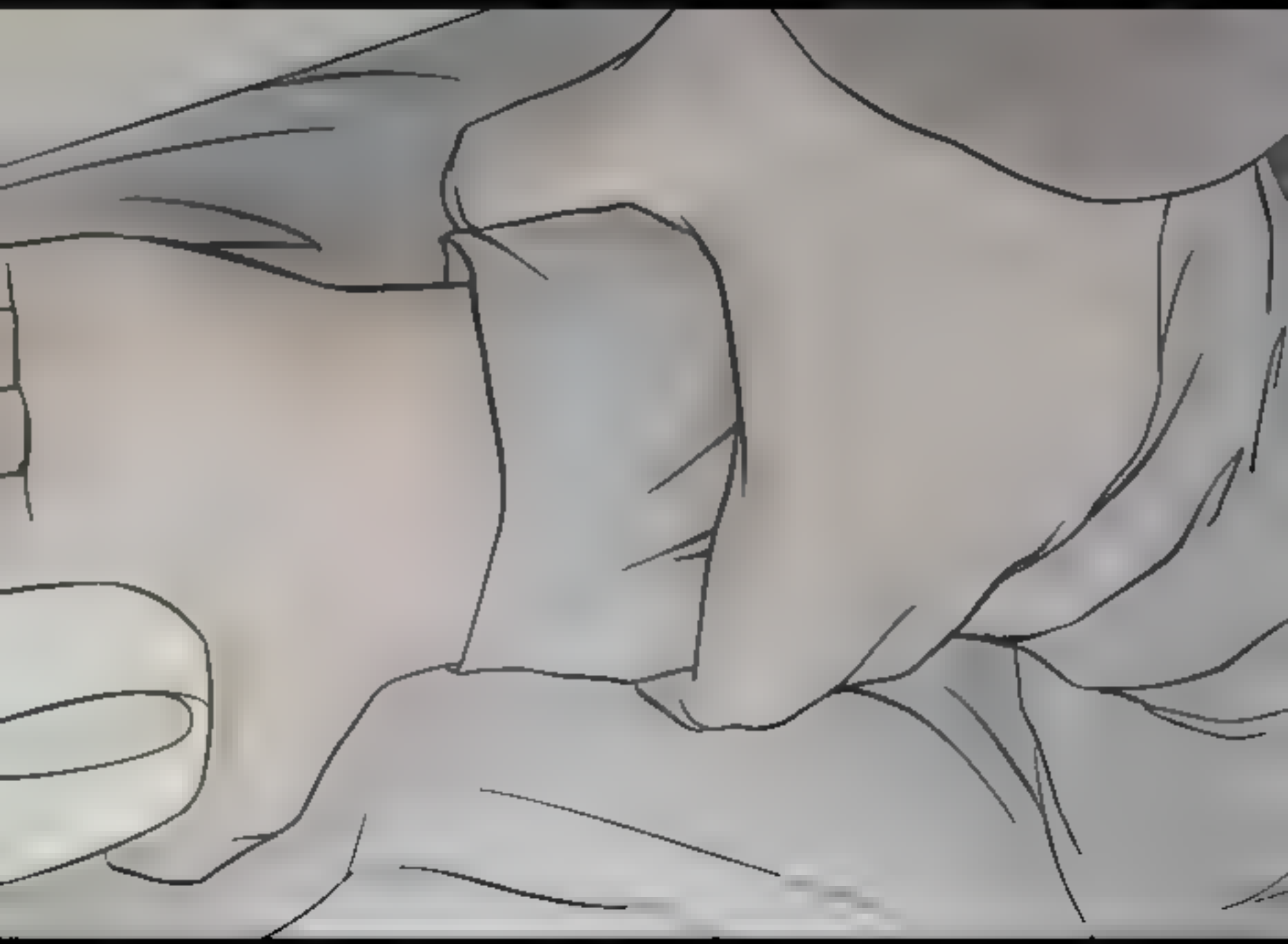
DOES HE JUST ENJOY SEEING
HIS COWORKERS HAPPY?

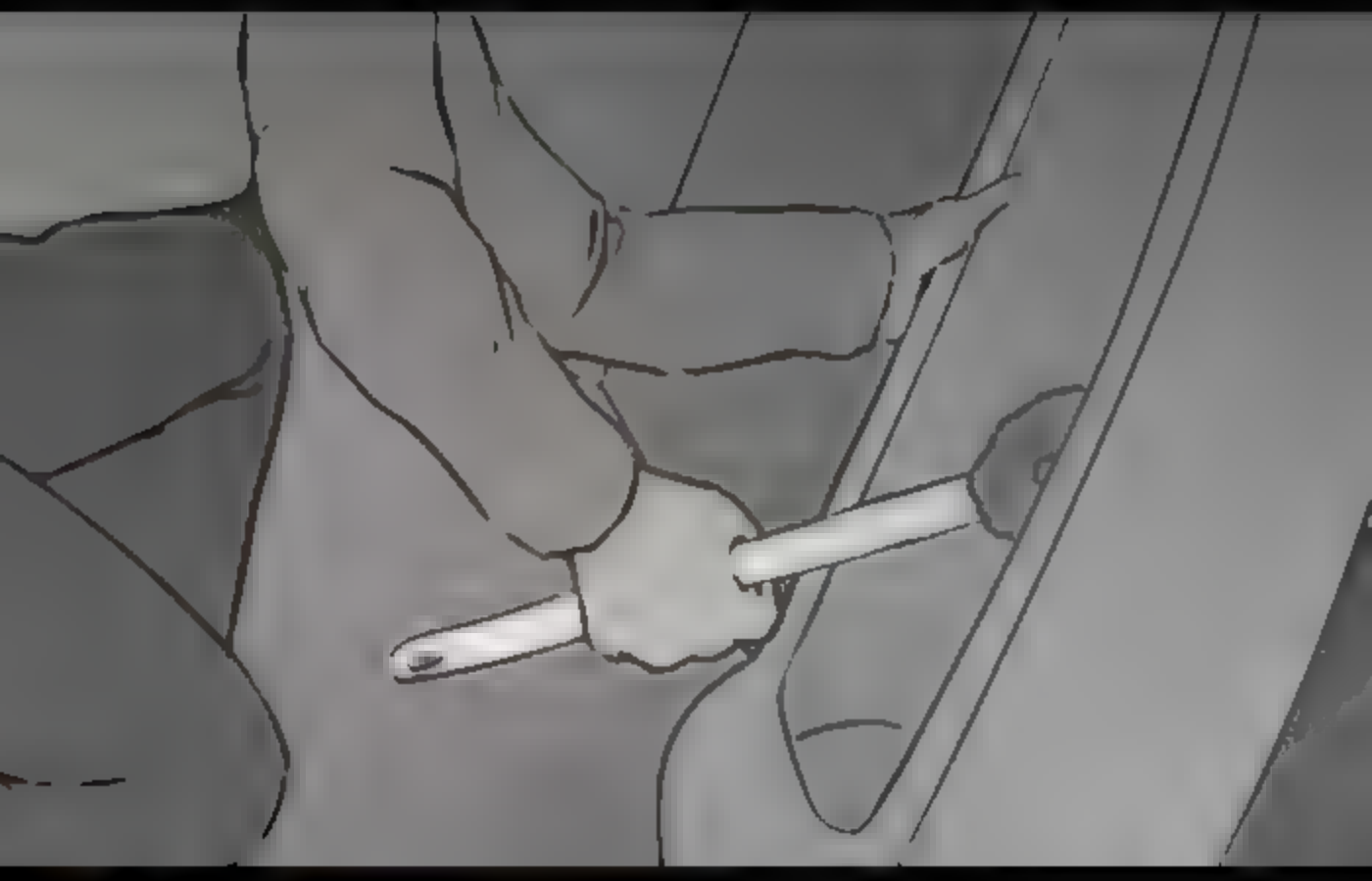
HEY! WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN? THEY SAID WE'VE GOT A CRAPLOAD OF WORK TO DO TODAY!

IT'S A LOT, HUH? THEY BROKE A MOLD APART YESTERDAY.
WELL, GOOD LUCK. SEE YOU BACK AT THE CAFETERIA AFTER.
YES, SIR!

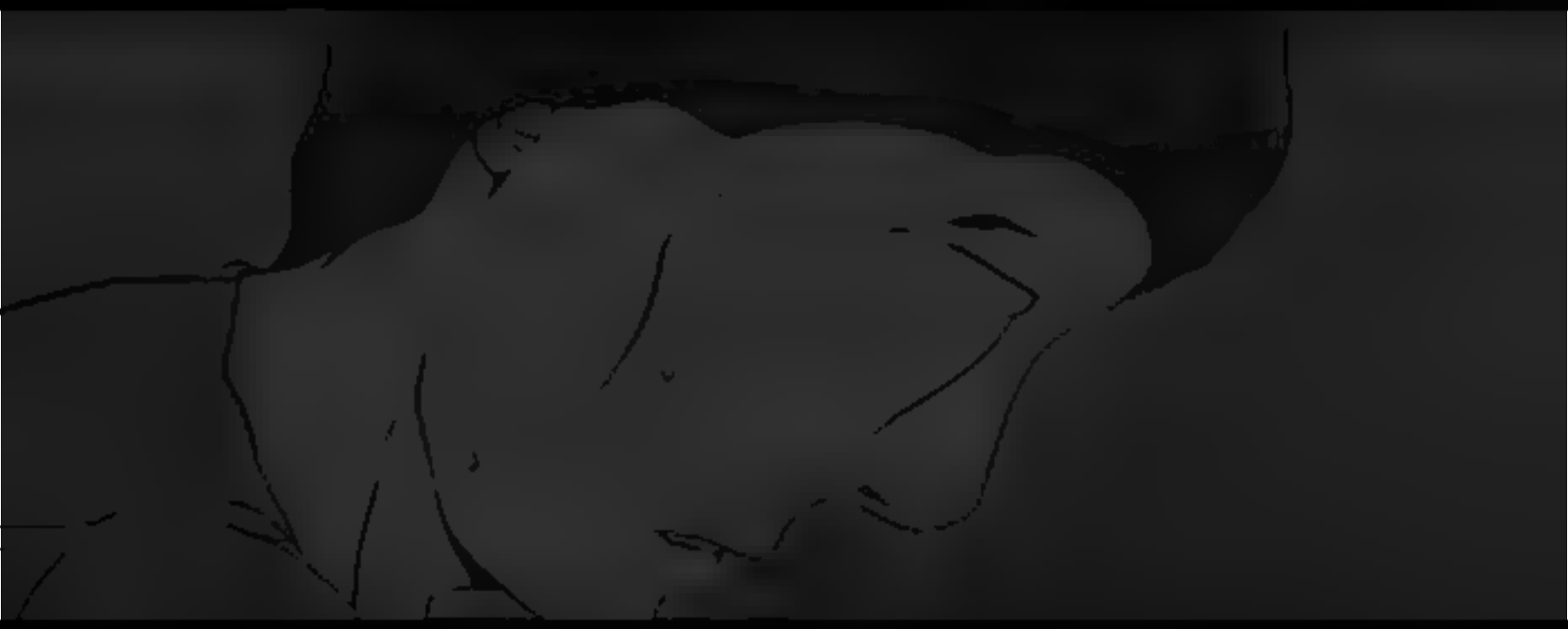
"YOU ARE"

"CRYING RIGHT NOW."





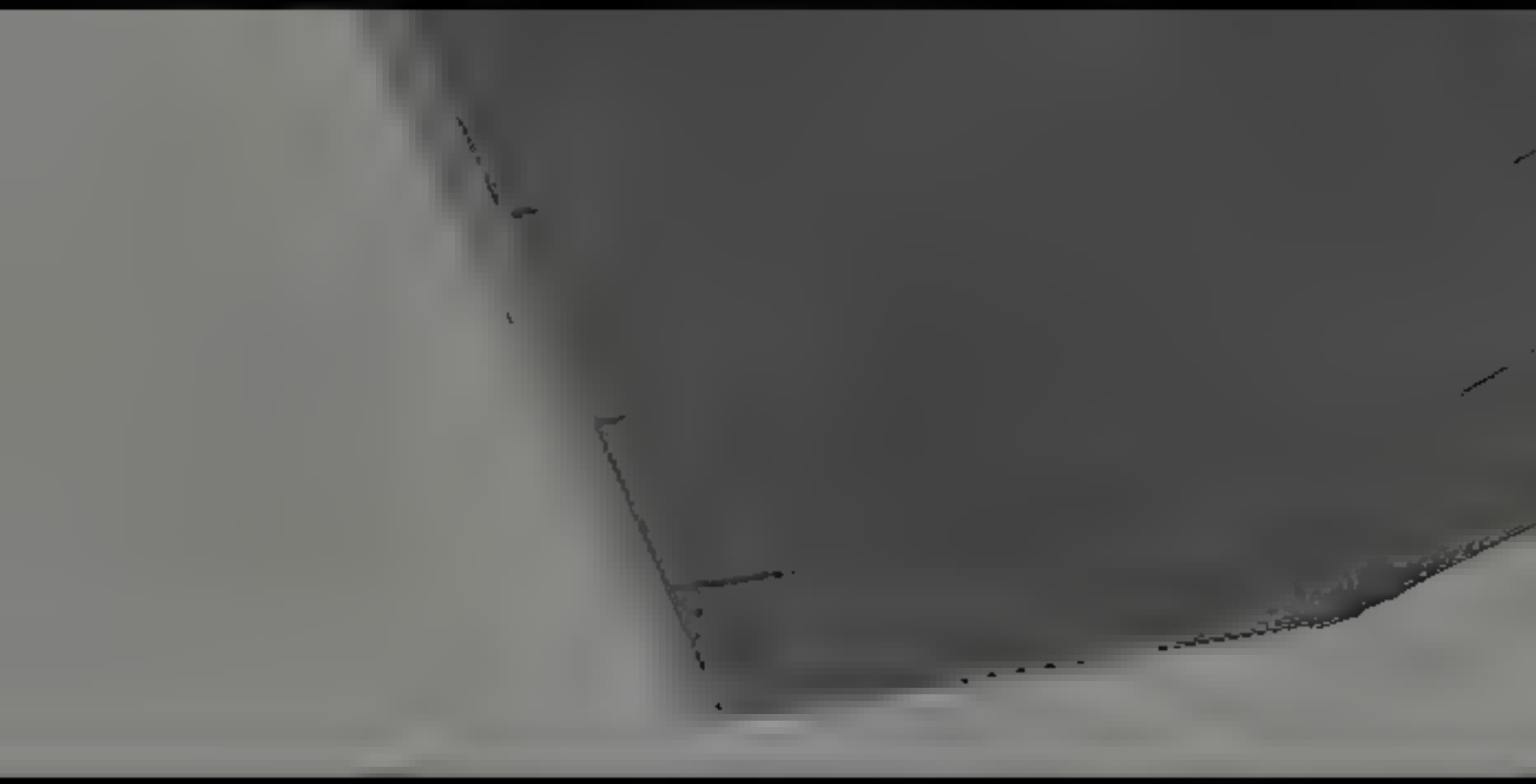
OR MAYBE- AND THIS MAY BE
A DELUSION ON MY PART-



IT WAS OUR DAY OFF,
SO MR. KIM AND I WENT DOWNTOWN TOGETHER.

ALL OF THE OTHER GUYS ALWAYS LISTENED TO WHATEVER MR. KIM SAID.

SOMETIMES IT SEEMED TO GO BEYOND TRUST AND EVEN AS FAR AS RESPECT.



AH, THANK YOU.

IS THIS MAN. I DON'T KNOW HIS NAME,
BUT ANYWAY, HE'S MR. KIM.

I WITNESSED SOMETHING SURPRISING.

WITH A SMALL BRUSH, THERE WAS MR. KIM,

WITH SWEAT RUNNING DOWN HIS FACE AND
SCRUBBING EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY
OF A FILTHY URINAL.

GOOD WORK, EVERYONE!
NICE WORK, KID.

HE ALWAYS BEHAVES WELL,
AND HE'S GOT A GOOD REPUTATION
WITH EVERYONE AT WORK.

CHIK CHIK CHIK CHIK-
WHO'S BRUSHING THEIR TEETH?

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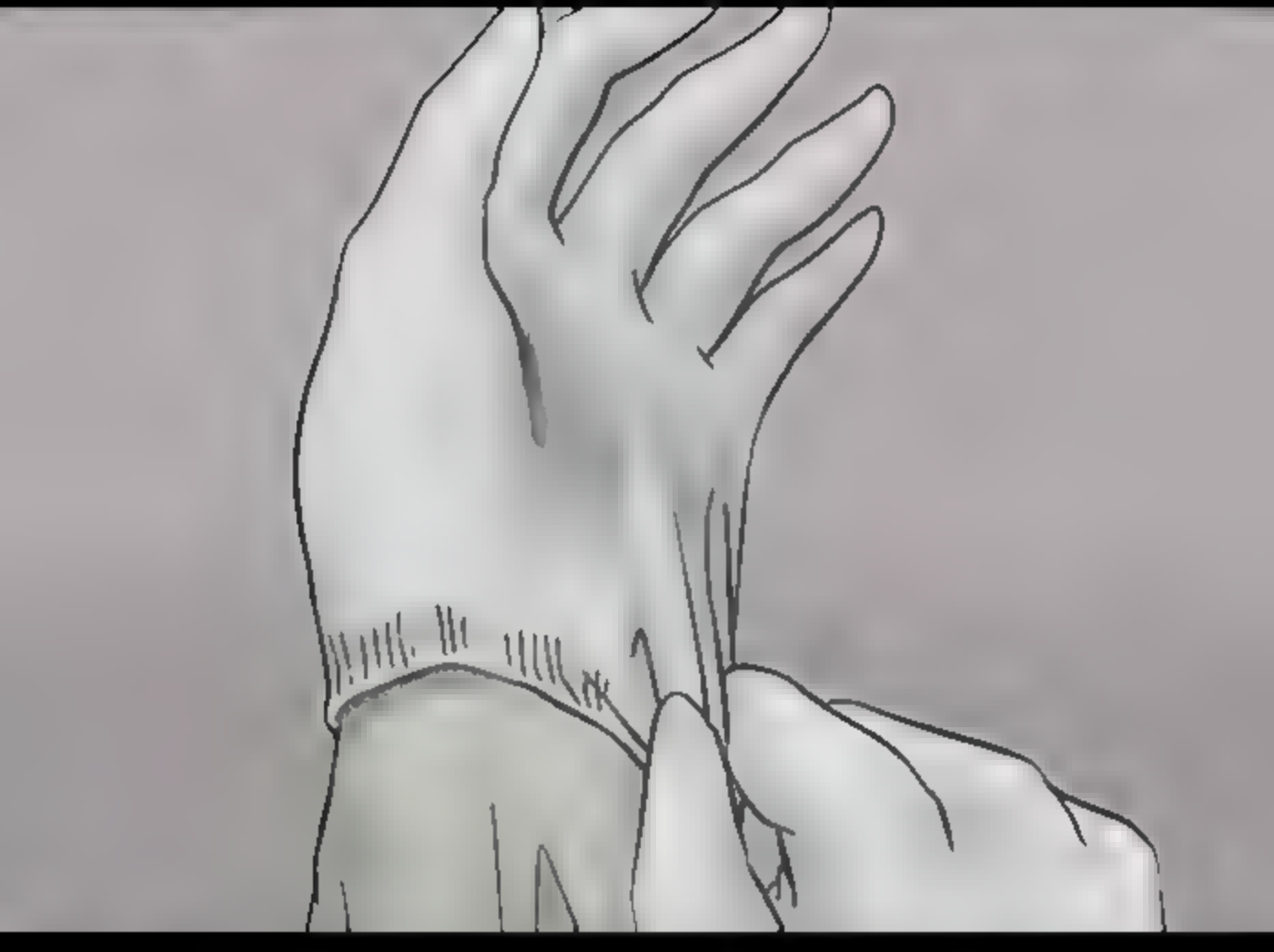
AH, UM... WELL, I'M... KIND OF FULL. MAYBE NEXT TIME...
HEY! JUST TAKE IT! YOU CAN'T TURN DOWN A DRINK FROM AN ELDER!!

I WAS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB
DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS,
AND I FIGURED THAT I MIGHT AS WELL DO
SOMETHING TOUGH THAT COULD HELP
ME WORKOUT NATURALLY

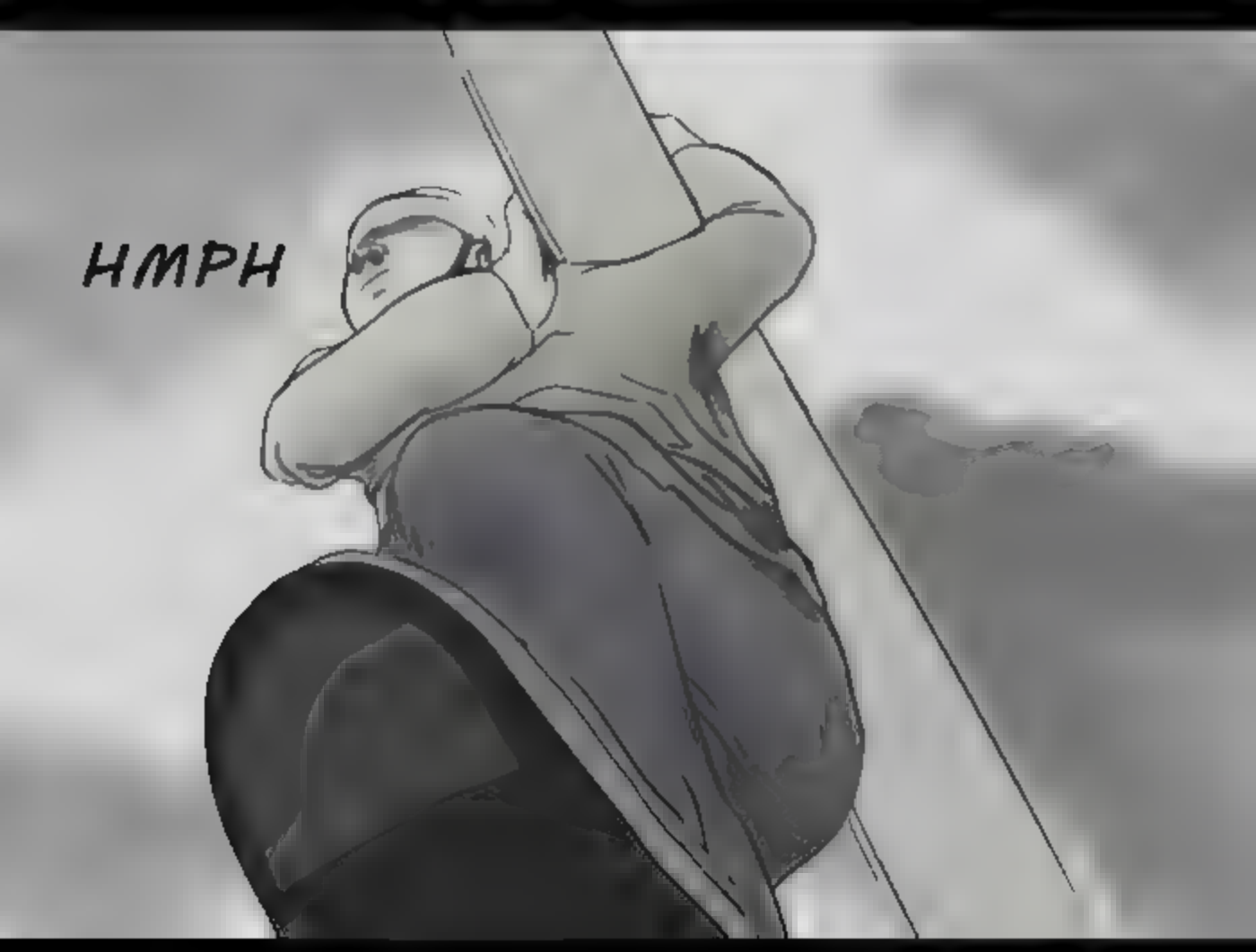
AND PAY OFF MY STUDENT LOANS,
SO I'VE ALREADY BEEN WORKING HERE
IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

A MANUAL LABORER, A DAYWORKER,
OR TO PUT IT BLUNTLY: A GRUNT WORKER.



IT'S THE MOST AGONIZING
PART-TIME JOB IN THE WORLD

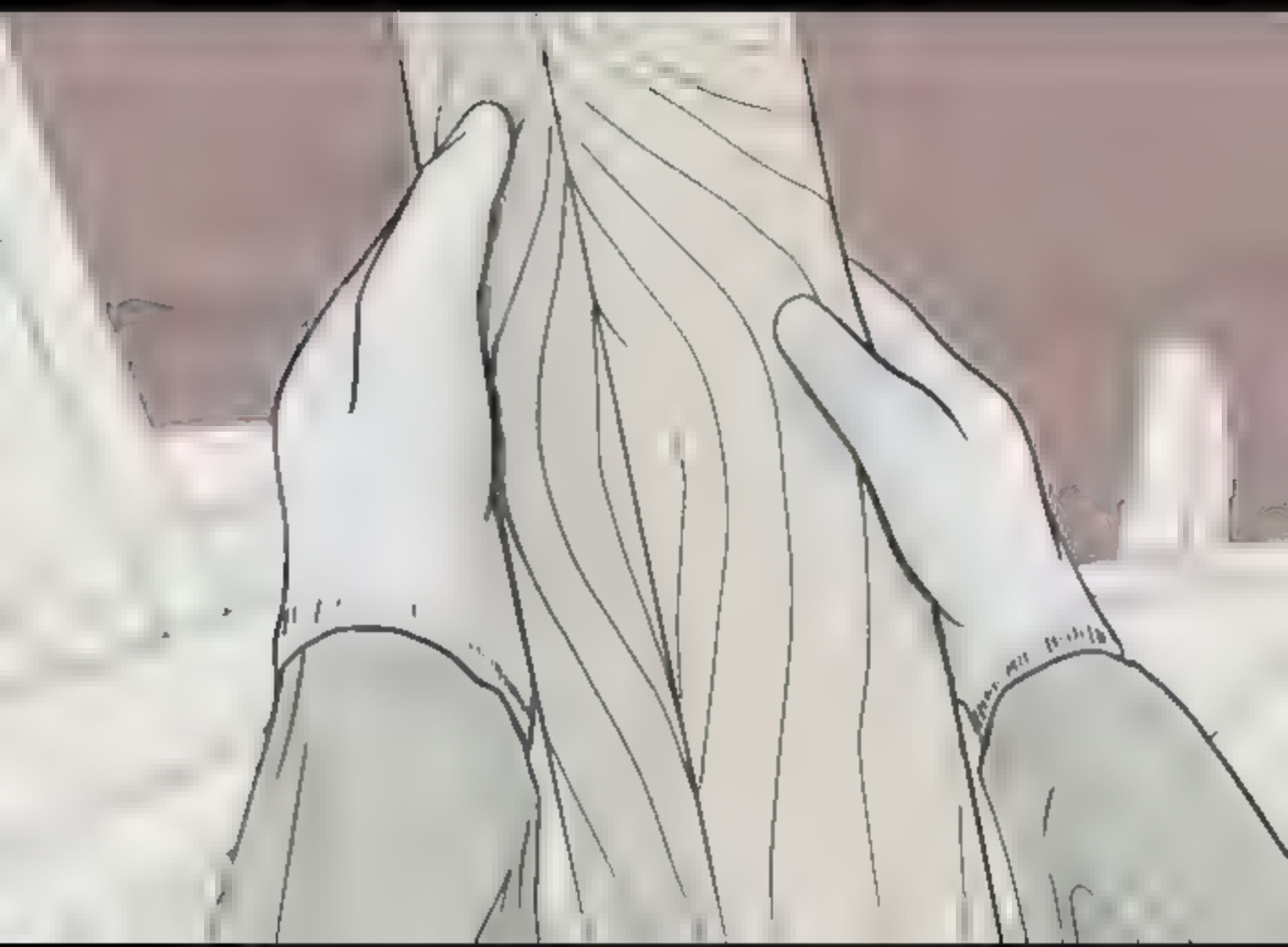
BUT IT GUARANTEES A MUCH BETTER PAY.

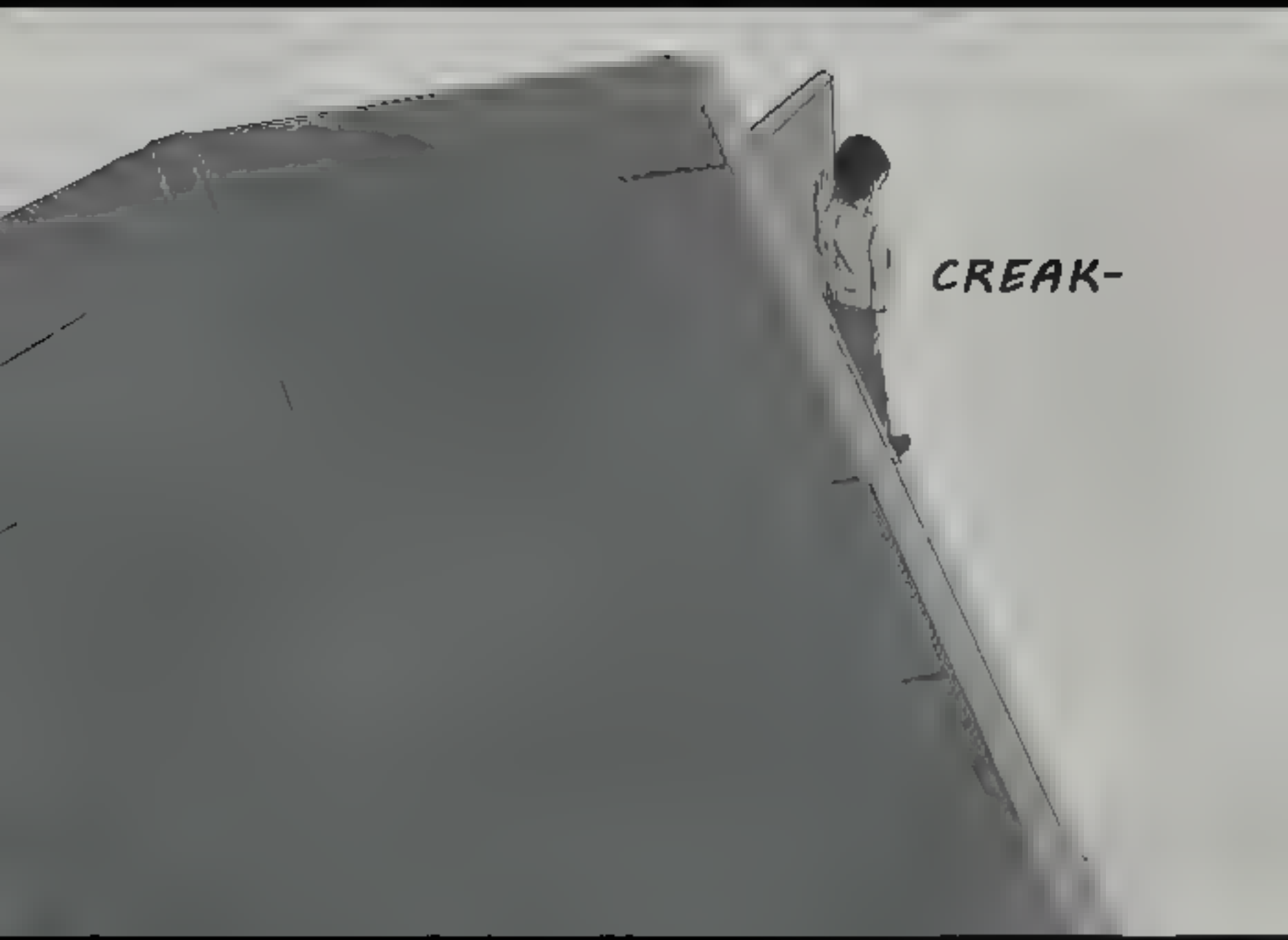


FOR THE FIRST WEEK, IT WAS SO TOUGH THAT IT FELT LIKE MY BONES WERE MELTING AWAY,

AND THE OLDER GUYS I WAS WORKING WITH WERE PRETTY ROUGH

I USED MY IGNORANCE
OF THE AREA AS AN EXCUSE TO FOLLOW HIM
INTO TOWN SINCE HE NEEDED SOME SUPPLIES,





AS I WAS HEADING TO
THE BATHROOM STILL HALF ASLEEP

BUT NOW, I'VE GOTTEN USED TO THE WORK, AND I'M A LOT CLOSER TO THE OTHER GUYS.

COME ON, HE'S NOT MUCH OF A DRINKER. HE'S STILL ADJUSTING TO THE JOB, SO WHY DON'T WE JUST LET HIM HAVE A NAP?

BUT ACTUALLY, I FOLLOWED HIM OUT
OF A CURIOSITY TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM

AND A SENSE OF AWE.

AND NOW, AS NATURALLY AS POSSIBLE

ONTO THE NEXT STAGE OF MY PLAN.